

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
FOR THE
2015 GOVERNOR'S VICTIM ASSISTANCE AWARDS LUNCHEON

The Governor's Victim Assistance Awards will be presented on *Friday, May 1, 2015* to individuals and agencies located in both the public and private sector that have demonstrated outstanding performance in providing services and support to Maryland's victims of crime during the 2014 calendar year (January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014).

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2015

CRITERIA FOR EACH AWARD CATEGORY

VIRGINIA MAHONEY AWARD

In honor of Ginny Mahoney, the State Board will recognize an outstanding leader who has set the standard for excellence and professionalism in the field of victim services. This award will recognize one prominent state leader or high-ranking official who has epitomized true leadership in support of victim rights. Only one nominee will be selected.

HENRY GLEIM MEMORIAL AWARD

In memory of Henry Gleim, an unsung hero who gave unselfishly, generously, courageously and with hope for those who walk in the path of victimization. This award recognizes outstanding services to crime victims and those who work to serve them. Only one nominee will be selected.

VINCENT ROPER MEMORIAL AWARD

In honor of Vincent Roper, who dedicated his life to making a difference for all crime victims. His countless contributions revolutionized victims' rights. This award recognizes, posthumously, outstanding work to secure crime victim justice for all in a quiet and selfless manner. Only one nominee will be selected, as appropriate.

GOVERNOR'S VICTIM ASSISTANCE AWARDS

The Governor's Victim Assistance Awards are presented to individuals or agencies located in both the public and private sector who have demonstrated outstanding performance in providing services and support to Maryland's victims of crime during the year of 2014. Nominee(s) must have made an outstanding contribution toward improving the status of, or delivering services to, crime victims and/or witnesses in Maryland. Award recipients are recognized for their exemplary work done in the area of victim advocacy, which **exceeds what is expected in one's routine job responsibilities**. These contributions may involve exceptional efforts in a specific case, on a statewide event or issue, or any effort deemed worthy of recognition by the nominator.

Governor's Victim Assistance Award: Outstanding Criminal Justice Professional

The State Board of Victim Services wants to recognize those criminal justice professionals who have, in 2014, gone above and beyond the call of their routine job to provide exemplary service or assistance to a victim of crime. Nominees for this award should be employed as a professional in the criminal justice system, preferably a person whose primary job responsibilities do not include direct victim services. Examples of eligible criminal justice professionals would include (but is not limited to) police officers, parole and probation agents, correctional officers, state's attorneys, judges, court clerks, employees of the parole commission, or employees with crime victim compensation.

Governor's Victim Assistance Award: Outstanding Victim Services Professional

The State Board of Victim Services wants to recognize those victim service professionals who have, in 2014, gone above and beyond the call of their routine job to provide exemplary service or assistance to a victim of crime. Nominees for this award should be employed as a professional who provides direct services to victims of crime. Examples of eligible victim service professionals would include (but is not limited to) victim service coordinators with criminal justice agencies, victim service providers in non-profit organizations, victim service providers on campuses, therapist or counselors who work with victims of crime, forensic nurses, or attorneys and advocates who work with or on behalf of victims or crime.

Governor's Victim Assistance Award: Outstanding Media or Communications Professional

Recognizing that the needs of victims are often advanced by our partners in media and communications, the State Board of Victim Services wants to recognize those media or communications professionals who have, in 2014, gone above and beyond the call of their routine job to provide exemplary service or assistance to a victim of crime. Nominees for this award should be employed as a professional in the media or communications profession and has, during the course of their work in that profession, exceeded the expectation of their duties to advance the needs or rights of a crime victim. Examples of eligible media and communication professionals would include (but is not limited to) newspaper or other print

media reporters, editors in print media, anchors or broadcast news reporters, radio-based reporters, Internet-based reporters, or staff member of an agency or organization who works in media or public relations.

Governor's Victim Assistance Award: Outstanding Volunteer Contribution to Victim Services

The simple fact is that much, if not most of the work done for crime victims would not be possible without the help of a dedicated volunteer workforce. The State Board of Victim Services wants to recognize those volunteers or interns who have, in 2014, gone above and beyond the call of their volunteer position to provide exemplary service or assistance to a victim of crime. Nominees for this award should be a volunteer, intern, or other unpaid member of a team who has exceeded the expectation of their duties to advance the needs or rights of a crime victim. Examples of eligible persons would include (but is not limited to) interns or volunteers with an agency or organization working for crime victims, interns or volunteers with a criminal justice agency, interns or volunteers working on behalf of victims on campuses or in community-based organizations, and/or interns or volunteers working in local government administration.

Governor's Victim Assistance Award: Outstanding Elected or Appointed Policymaker

Recognizing that our policy makers are integral to the advancement of work on behalf of crime victims, the State Board of Victim Services wants to recognize those elected or appointed officials who have, in 2014, gone above and beyond the call of their position to provide exemplary leadership for the field or assistance to a victim of crime. Nominees for this award should be an elected or appointed official with policy development authority who has exceeded the expectations of their duties to advance the needs or rights of a crime victim or crime victims as a group. Examples of eligible persons would include (but is not limited to) local government officials, agency heads in government, elected representatives to county councils, elected representatives to the Maryland General Assembly, elected or appointed Executive Branch employees, or elected representatives to the United States Congress.

Governor's Victim Assistance Award: Outstanding Contribution to Victim Services

Those individuals in "traditional" victim services and criminal justice professions have not worked alone. They are provided essential support by individuals of varying professions who, during the course of their normal job duties, exceed expectations by reaching out to help a victim of crime. The State Board of Victim Services wants to recognize all partners who have, in 2014, gone above and beyond the call of their position to provide exemplary assistance to a victim of crime. Nominees for this award should be a professional with a position not directly related to victim services, but who, on their own accord, exceeded their routine duties to advance the needs or rights of a crime victim. Examples of eligible persons would include (but is not limited to) members of the clergy, first responders in the medical or emergency services field, teachers or professors, doctors, medical support staff, legal support staff, or education officials.

GOVERNOR'S VICTIM ASSISTANCE AWARDS (CONTINUED)

Who Is Eligible for the Governor's Victim Assistance Award?

Anyone who has made a significant contribution to the victim's movement is eligible. Examples include, but are not limited to:

Businesses	Media
Community Groups	Public Officials
Court Personnel	State Officials
Criminal Justice Professionals	Student Interns
Individual Citizens	Victims Rights Organizations
Law Enforcement Personnel	Victim Service Agencies (Public or Private)
Legislators	Volunteers
Victim Service Professionals (Paid or Volunteer)	

FOR ALL AWARDS

For Consideration

Anyone may submit a nomination and more than one nomination is permissible.

This year we will accept persons or organizations that would like to submit themselves for consideration.

Not For Consideration

Outstanding investigative efforts or crime prevention programs are not eligible for consideration, as they do not fall within the purview of these awards.

Individuals and/or organizations are **not** eligible if they have been a recipient of the **same award** within the **last five years**.

Nominations that are vague or lack sufficient detail to support a candidate will not be considered.

TO APPLY

- Complete the attached **Nomination Cover Sheet form**. Make sure you have indicated the award for which your nominee is being considered (Virginia Mahoney, Henry Gleim Memorial or Governor's Victim Assistance Award).
- Submit a typewritten **Narrative** as to why your nominee should receive the award, not to exceed two (2) 8 x 11 single or double-spaced typed pages (12 pt. font). The nomination must specify the particular victim assistance/victim advocacy activities performed by the individual or group, and why you feel they deserve special recognition. You may mention any other awards or recognition received. It is recommended that nominations be written in a clear, concise manner so that the individual or agency's accomplishments are easily determined and extracted when read by the Maryland State Board of Victim Services members serving on the Governor's Victim Assistance Awards Committee Review Panel. Again, it is necessary to provide detailed information referencing the nomination of the person(s) or group(s) you wish to be considered for this award. Please refer to the General Instructions section to make sure that all requirements have been met.
- Each nomination **MUST** be accompanied by a 75-word **Summary** of the narrative, which may, in part, be read at the Awards Luncheon if your nominee is selected.

- Your **PACKET** should consist of:
 - **NOMINATION COVER SHEET**
 - **NARRATIVE** (NOT TO EXCEED 2 PAGES)
 - **SUMMARY** (NOT TO EXCEED 75 WORDS)
- **SUBMIT** nominations via email to: GVAALnominations@gmail.com to be considered by the Award's Review Committee.
- Please contact our office if you do not receive confirmation of your award submission by Monday, February 2, 2015.

QUESTIONS

- Questions may be directed to:
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